#### The Caledonian.

St. Johnsbury, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1890 LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Dear Caledonian: You and many of your readers know something of rainy days in California during the winter months, but not in nearly thirty years have the rains fallen so continuously and so heavily as during the present season. In this vicinity about twelve inches fell up to Feb. 1st in the season of '88 and '89. This winter up to date about thirtyeight inches have fallen. Much early sown grain has been drowned out Little plowing has been done, and all ground plowed early in the season has become so packed as to require replowing when the ground becomes dry enough. The Sacramento river has burst its levees in several places and wide-spread damage has resulted. The railroads in the southern part of the state have been washed away in places. San Diego was without railroad communication with the outside world for a week or more and all California from Siskiyon to San Diego has longed for he accustomed sunshine

And now, to make our faces longer the snow has taken possession of the Sierra Nevadas and for two weeks has held high carnival, blockading the railroad tracks, filling up the deep cuts, crushing the snow sheds, and holding train load after train load of passengers prisoners.

We have just come into possession of our first Eastern mails for two weeks, and we feel like Micronesian missionaries when the Morning Star

But perils of snow are not all that beset the travelers by rail. Our friends, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Jones. who so recently enjoyed a visit among old friends at St. Johnsbury, had a narrow escape from death on the rail on their Western jonrney, as you have already learned. We were thankful to receive our friends, in comfortable health, after such experiences by the way.

All our storms in California are tedious to endure, but they give promise of abundant harvests in fruit and good harvests in late sown grain. Mining operations and lumber interests in the mountains will be facilitat-

For months our fields have been green. Already our almond buds are bursting, and our bedraggled flowers insist on blooming. The influenza deals gently with most of its subjects although more than the usual death rate prevails.

I am sure I but express the sentiments of all your Pacific Coast readers in congratulating your junior editor, whose cup of happiness runneth over. Yours Truly,

H. E. IEWETT. Vacaville, Cal., Jan. 28, 1890.

LETTER FROM TALLAPOOSA.

I would not have the readers of the Caledonian think me a "boomer" for I detest the title; but I cannot refrain from saving a word about the beautiful and healthful attractions of temper. Tallapoosa, Georgia. I left Boston, Jan. 21, for Fort Payne, Ala., where I spent several days. I also visited Birmingham, Attalla, Anniston and other new and thriving towns of Alabama. I also visited New England City, Dade county, Ga., before com- tempted to speak rapidly, or to muling to Tallapoosa. Jan. 31st at 3.30 tiply words without stopping to a. m. I stepped upon the platform of a neat depot and with other gentlemen walked a short distance to a hotel. One gentleman said, is not this air fine? Two or three answered "ves." I said almost without thinking, "I like this," and so I have kept breathing it and have kept liking it being an utter loss of power for the and I weigh five pounds more than when I came, but five pounds is not much to gain. But a word more of my experience, my throat is not sore ing" says on this very point, to the here and my head feels clear.

I have talked with many who came | feetly cool, and must suffer no sign here for health, and everyone tells me | to escape of any anger or impatience; the same, "I have been cured," or "I have been benefitted." But one does not need to depend upon the "say so" of others. I saw at once that says this instructor, "under any cirthe elevation is good; that the city is surrounded by long leaved pine anything but your ordinary tone of forests: that the natural drainage is perfect; the water, unlike the lime- culties of the case, he adds: "Exerstone valleys of Alabama, is pure of cise an unwearied patience; and if at freestone, and the atmosphere all one any time you find the strain upon can desire. I have seen today gardens and fruit trees as far advanced as they are in June in Vermont. And are perfectly calm before resuming a correct record shows that it is never as hot here in summer as in for him who would train a dog-or New England. So well pleased am I with the business prospects that I have purchased real estate here and today begun a house which I intend to call home when my family are here. I wish every reader of this, the first letter I ever wrote for publication, wouldcome to Tallapoosa. But don't all come at once.

As I have said I am not a "boomer." I did not expect to ever be in Georgia two months ago. I do not expect any pay for this, unless the Caledonian sends me a small check saying. "Write no more—your last cited talking to child-training, scolding—loud and excited talking—is never in order.

In giving commands, or in giving censure to a child, the fewer and the more calmly spoken words the better. A child soon learns that scolding means less than quiet talking; and he even comes to find a certain satisfaction in waiting silently until the scolder has blown off the surplus feeling which vents itself in this way.

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There a New England. So well pleased am I a child; for in either dog-training or

saying, "Write no more-your last explaining to a child the nature and is passed into the waste basket." consequences of his offense, and the But before coming away I was asked reasons why he should do differently by many to give them my opinion of in the future; but such words should this part of the country, and to save always be spoken in gentleness, and writing many letters I address these in self-controlled earnestness. Scoldfriends through the columns of your ing, rapidly spoken censure and pro-

Belfast, Maine, has one genuine ing and directing a child. philanthropist. An aged gentleman, possessed of a goodly amount of this kindlier parents, scold their children world's goods, delights in befriending | more or less. Rarely can a child say, the poor. He buys largely of cloth- "My parents never scold me." Many ing, fabries, etc., which he quietly be- a child is well trained in spite of his stows upon those needing such things. being scolded. Many a parent is a It is said that his donations amount good parent notwithstanding the to many hundreds of dollars in the fact that he scolds his children. But course of the winter.

the former president, received his

price for the stock, he turned over se-

curities to a large amount to the new

president, Claassen, who promptly

handed over all these securities to his

confederate, a broker named Pell,

who at once sold or pledged them,

and used part of the proceeds to cov

er the checks paid to Mr. Leland.

What became of the balance is what

the courts must determine. When

the bank examiner, learning these

facts, took possession of the bank

and demanded the return of the se

curities, he was handed, instead,

worthless checks drawn by the con

federates on the smaller banks, which

at once refused payment and sus-

pended. Opinions differ as to the re-

sponsibility of Mr. Leland in the

matter, many holding that the cir-

cumstances were such as should have

awakened his suspicions that his

action imperiled the interests of his

fellow-stockholders; but it is quite

clear from his subsequent course that

he was not in actual collusion with

the wreckers, for he has since come

been guaranteed from loss by Mr.

Leland, the Sixth National has been

tire incident suggests the danger of

SCOLDING IS NEVER IN ORDER.

his child feels free to scold him. And a scolding mother is not always

deemed the severest and most unjust

of mothers. Yet, while it is some-

times right to strike a child, it is at

no time right to scold one. Scold

ing is, in fact, never in order, in deal-

ing with a child, or in any other duty

of life. Scolding is always an expres-

sion of a bad spirit and of a loss of

tone of voice, and with carefully

state of feeling, the parent's first

duty is to gain entire self-control.

Until that control is secured, there is

no use of the parent's trying to at-

tempt any measure of child-training.

The loss of self-control is for the time

An admirable work on "Dog-Train-

dog-trainer: "You must keep per-

for if you cannot control your tem-

per, you are not the one to train a

dog." "Do not allow yourself,"

cumstances to speak to your pupil in

voice." And, recognizing the diffi-

your nerves growing a little tense,

leave him at once, and wait until you

the lesson." That is good counsel

test in the exhibit of strong feeling,

is never in order as a means of train-

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any scolding he receives, and no par-THE WRECKING OF A BANK. ent ever benefits his child by scolding The wrecking of the Sixth National nor yet those who are its outside obank of New York and the conseservers, however it may give physiuent downfall of two smaller state cal relief to the one who indulges in banks, illustrate, in a way as startit. If, therefore, scolding is an unling as it is disagreeable, the rapidity avoidable necessity on the part of and completeness with which, despite any parent, let that parent at once our carefully drawn banking laws, shut himself, or herself, up in a room the property of stockholders and dewhere the scolding can be indulged positors of a bank may be ruthlessly sacrificed when once it comes under in without harming any one. But THOMAS LOWRY, W. S. STREETER. let it be remembered that, as an elethe control of greedy and unprinciment in child-training, scolding is pled officers. In this case the method never, never, in order.-[Sunday of wrecking was as novel as it was School Times. bold. The president of the bank was induced to part with his stock, he GOOD DEEDS. holding a controlling amount, at a high price, to a set of men who seem to have deliberately planned to appropriate the bank's funds. Not having capital enough to pay for the stock, they persuaded smaller banks which they controlled to falsely certify checks. As soon as Mr. Leland,

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